

**Direct Answers To Questions About Electronic Donation**

**Q. What is electronic donation?**

A. Electronic donation is an automatic transfer program which allows you to make donations without writing checks

**Q. What is the advantage of electronic donation?**

A. It saves time. You also help the church stabilize its budget and save money

**Q. How is my electronic donation automatically deducted from my account?**

A. Once you authorize the transfer, your specified donation is electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the church's account.

**Q. When will my donation be deducted from my account?**

A. On the date you authorize.

**Q. If I do not write checks, how do I balance my checkbook?**

A. Since your donation is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date.

**Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my donation?**

A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transfers. It is your proof of donation. Your church also continues to provide a giving statement.

**Q. Is electronic donation risky?**

A. Electronic donation is less risky than check donation. It cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed.

**Q. What if I change bank accounts?**

A. Notify us and we will give you a new authorization form to complete.

**Q. How much does electronic donation cost?**

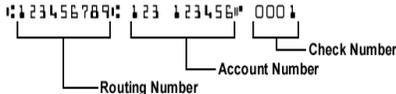
A. For you nothing!

**Q. What if I try electronic donation and don't like it or need to change it for any reason?**

A. You can cancel or change your authorization by notifying us any time. But, once you've enjoyed the convenience, time and money savings of electronic donation, we doubt you will want to go back to making donations the way you did before.

**Q. How do I sign up for electronic donation?**

A. Complete and sign the authorization form below and return it to the church office along with a voided check or voided savings deposit slip.

		<h2 style="margin: 0;">Authorization Form</h2>		<b>32122182235</b>	
<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>		<b>ENVELOPE #</b>		<b>DATE</b>	
Type of Authorization Form: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking/credit card information <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date					
Last Name			First Name		
Address					
City		State		Zip	
I would like to make the following contribution(s): <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (please specify) \$ _____			Contribution Frequency (please check one for each fund): <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly - Debited on Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Semimonthly - Debited on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and the 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly - Debited on the 1 <sup>st</sup> or the 15 <sup>th</sup> (please circle one)		
Date contributions are to begin _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly - Debited on Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Semimonthly - Debited on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and the 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly - Debited on the 1 <sup>st</sup> or the 15 <sup>th</sup> (please circle one)		
<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b>	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check)		Routing Number: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b>		
			Account Number: _____ 		
I authorize the above church and Vanco Services, LLC to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.					
Authorized Signature: _____				Date: _____	

**Please return this form to the church office for processing.**

# ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS

## A New Way to Give

*First Church* is embracing technology and adopting a giving option that may be more convenient for many of our parishioners – The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program. It will work in the same manner as the programs offered by local gas and many insurance and mortgage companies.

You choose a donation frequency: weekly, semimonthly, or monthly. Indicate the amount of the contribution for each of the fund(s) you wish to support. Then complete the remainder of the authorization form, mail it to the church office or drop it in the offering and we will arrange for your savings or checking account to be debited as you select.

It is fast, safe, and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail, and the rate of accuracy is high. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING. You save the cost of the check. The Church will issue you a donation statement for your tax records, and your bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contribution.

Of course you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying us in writing. But we believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this new program, you won't want to go back to the "old-fashioned" way of contributing to your church.

## Important Benefits of EFT

The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program yields very significant benefits for *our church* and makes life easier for you:

- The satisfaction of giving to God first
- Less work for church volunteers in processing the collections
- A more predictable income flow for better planning
- Improved cash management with less labor
- Easier personal budgeting

Electronic giving is an option but, of course, you can continue to use the traditional envelopes as you have in the past. Additional authorization forms are available at the information desk or the church office.